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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1741

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TURKISH INTENTION TO ACCUPY NICOSIA AIRPORT

1. I TELEPHONED TURKISH AMBASSADOR INHAM AT 1945 LOCAL TO INFORM HIM THAT I HAD RECEIVED MOST DISTURBING NEWS WHICH I HOPED HE WOULD DENY THAT TURKISH FORCES INTENDED TO ATTACK TONIGHT NICOSIA AIRPORT WHICH WAS HELD BY UNFICYP FORCES.

2. INHAM REPLIED THAT THERE WAS A NUANCE NOT COVERED BY MY STATEMENT:
TURKISH FORCES INTENDED TO OCCUPY THE AIRPORT AND HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH UNFICYP. HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH WECKMAN AND PREM CHAND AND WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. I TOLD HIM MY GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF ASSURANCES WE HAD FROM HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE APPALLED AND WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND THIS MOVE WHICH COULD BE SO DISRUPTIVE OF EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

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4. INHAN REPEATED THAT HE HAD HIS INSTRUCTIONS, I COULD REPORT TO

MY GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE.

COMMENT: I FIND THIS MOVE INCREDIBLE AND HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVERT THIS NEW FOOLISHNESS ON THE
PART OF THE TURKS.

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